[19th August 1925

Survey and Settlement.

Reduction of work at resurvey and resettlement.

* 116 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the suggestions received so far for the reduction of work at resurvey and resettlement with a view to minimising the cost thereof?

A.—The subject is now under the consideration of Government. The suggestions made are not yet ready for publication.

Resettlement in Trichinopoly.

* 117 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been drawn to the resolution of the Trichinopoly Landholders' Association on the orders of the Government regarding the resettlement of that district;

(*b*) what action, if any, the Government propose to take thereon; and

(*c*) whether the Legislative Council will be given an opportunity of discussing the orders of the Government and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) The Government have received a copy of the proceedings of the meeting held on 15th February 1925 by the Trichinopoly Landowners' Association.

(*b*) The meeting resolved to send a deputation to His Excellency the Governor and, if necessary, one to England. This resolution does not require any orders of Government.

(*c*) The Scheme Report was published in January 1924. The orders of Government were passed on 29th January 1925 after a consideration of a detailed memorandum presented by the Landholders' Association supported by a representative deputation. It is open to this Council to express their views on these orders as on every other act of the Government.

Depressed Classes.

The Labour Commissioner.

* 118 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the scope of duties and rights of the Labour Commissioner;

(*b*) whether he is in possession of all information which an intending emigrant to Assam or Malay States requires; and

(*c*) whether he has any control over the labour recruiting agencies in the Presidency and, if so, to what extent?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 271, Revenue, dated the 2nd February 1920, which was placed on Editors' Table.

(*b*) Yes; in regard to Malay States.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 9 of the Government Order referred to in clause (*a*) above.